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Brooklyn June 10. 1860

My dear Lizzie,

I took my Traveling bag This morning when I went to the city with The intention of going to Boston tonight and The expectation of seeing you tomorrow. But from what I learned today it [seems] my duty to remain here for the present. Though it is hard to give up the prospect of seeing you, especially as I have not heard from you for a week.

Just think dear Lizzie a whole week while I have [illegible] to you This [illegible] Times. I am a little more [illegible] Than a few days ago, + yet + yet. I don't know how affairs will Turn. Dear Liz I am anxious to know how my discouragements affect you. Do you felt discouraged too. The more I Think of it The better I am satisfied That we may consider our engagement unconditional in reality, your parents will not interfere with your wishes now That you are of age and it seems to me I should let Them see That you considered it a matter of cause That you make your own choice with all due and respectful regard to Them and Their wishes of course also. I am very anxious to hear what They will say to our letters.

Next week I shall try to visit Boston. By That Time I shall know something. What my success will be, or will not be. And we shall know what your parents Think. And so can Then Talk more definitely about many Things I wonder Lizzie if you like such straggling letters as I send you! How do you get on with music and studies? Are you lonesome? And do you think of me once in a while. You must not Think I ask That question in earnest. yet it seems a little egotistical for me to suppose That you Think of me much.

I got a copy of The "Wide Wide World" one of The books which by and by we can read together. I read the last part of the last volume in Joe's room today. It is really the biography of an imaginary person --Ellen --a lovely girl she is too. She is taken by Alice Humphreys when [two] years old and lives with her until Alice's death. And then with A's father. A brother of Alice John takes charge of her education. When she goes to him with A. He is first through with his Theological studies and preaches in the neighborhood. She loves him dearly as a brother and calls him so. but as she grows older he takes more and more the form of friendship. And finally when eighteen they are married. Her love is from The first so simple and childlike so unconscious by the love. That it is very